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Column One By David Courtney

TO meet a surprise explosion of one atom bomb over an area with a population density of 13,000 per square mile, 96 mobile first aid stations with 17,000 attendants would be required, it is estimated. On 1940 census figures, this would include New York, Chicago, Detroit, San Francisco and Washington." The 52nd Fighter wing, stationed at Fort Dix, New Jersey, and equipped with Lockheed F 94 jet fighters, is keeping perpetual sentry-go over New York and other targets on the eastern seaboard, as a precaution against an atomic Pearl Harbour.

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A DETAILED report, issued in Washington last Wednesday, tells about possible gas warfare. It says that new nerve gases were developed by the Germans during the 1939-45 war. They are colourless, odourless and more deadly than any gas known before. The Germans, in their new freedom, may go one better, but for the moment these gases, which the Russians may know about, are bad enough.

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ADMIRAL Gottfried Hansen, President of an association of German professional ex-officers, has just addressed a letter to heads of States and political leaders in the western world, and to the three High Commissioners in West Germany. He says that a general amnesty of Wehrmacht members condemned for "so-called war crimes," should be granted as a condition of a German contribution to western defence. Actions still pending against former German professional soldiers should, of course, be dropped. The new German army, says Admiral Hansen, should be made up of men willing to put their skill and their lives "at the service of peace and liberty." Eloquently the Admiral adds: "How shall Germans fulfil this sacred mission if their comrades, who only did their duty as soldiers, languish in the captivity of peoples beside whose sons they are to defend the liberty and peace of the world?"

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IT is no use calling the Admiral a silly old fool. The tone and contents of his appeal are logical enough and no less in the traditional German spirit than any other feature of West German re-armament. His association is influential and his judgments highly popular in more than German circles. It is certainly nice to know that the Germans have been a misunderstood people all along and that they conceive it their 'sacred duty' to defend our 'peace and liberty' with the skill of the old Wehrmacht members who languish now in prison for no other reason than that they 'did their duty.'

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THERE would appear to be misunderstandings and backbiting even in the ranks of the wicked. Over the Christmas holidays it became apparent to watchers in Vienna that all was not well with the Czech Communists across the border. There is said to be a serious division of opinion among them. It all seems to have started with the sharp attack on the Party newspaper "Rude Pravo" by the Cominform journal, which apparently thought that the Czech paper had indicated some fellow-feeling with Marshal Tito. The Secretary General of the Party tried to make up for the sins of "Rude Pravo" by writing a fierce denunciation of Tito in the Cominform's journal, which "Rude Pravo" reprinted. The issue in which the reprint appeared also contained an article urging as an absolute necessity the raising of Czech production by 15 to 20 per cent in 1951. This article was read to the nation in a broadcast by Mr. Zapotocky, the Prime Minister, in place of the usual Christmas message by President Gottwald who is among those implicated in the sins attributed by the Cominform to "Rude Pravo."

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IS it a sign of more deviationism? That would seem to be the implication of the reports from Vienna, which notoriously picks up crumbs of comfort that fall from its neighbour's table.

Tel Aviv, January 4.

Mixed Suez Zone Force Proposed

By George Lichtheim, POST Correspondent

LONDON, Wednesday. — Salah e-Din is leaving here for Cairo tomorrow to report on his talks. He will be back next month to continue the Anglo-Egyptian negotiations on defence and sterling releases.

He will be able to inform his colleagues that the defence of the Canal Zone is foremost on the agenda of the Commonwealth Conference which assembles here tomorrow and that Australia is taking an unexpected leading part in this field. From the Egyptian view, the apparent decision of the Pakistan government not to attend the Conference is awkward since Pakistan had been expected to champion the Egyptian standpoint on the Canal issue.

Instead, Australia, and possibly India, will be expected to take the lead in proposing the establishment of a mixed Commonwealth force on the Canal, with or without the inclusion of Egypt in the Atlantic Pact. The latter suggestion, although intended to satisfy Egyptian pride, is already encountering suspicions in Egypt where there is a tendency to argue that Suez no longer has any military importance. This belief, however, is shared neither here nor in Canberra.

M.E. Rather Than S.E.

The sudden emergence of Australia as a major factor in this discussion has come as a surprise. It is thought that Mr. Menzies will lay before the Conference a proposal for Australian participation in the defence of the Middle East rather than Southeast Asia. The question whether such participation should occur now, in peacetime, or only after the outbreak of war, has not yet been settled and, perhaps not even faced, at least in Australia. It is certain to be raised by the British who will press for the dispatch of Australian troops to the Middle East in advance of an actual emergency.

The Australian government seems torn between its willingness to share in Middle East defence and its reluctance to expand its armed forces. This is partly due to manpower shortage (even the maintenance of the single Australian battalion in Korea is causing difficulties). Australia's present plans call for a total regular force of only 46,000, including 19,000 in the army, and a militia of 50,000. Any Australian contingent for Suez would thus be only a token force.

The interest of this proposal lies in the fact that it mirrors the determination of the Australian government and public not to participate in the defence of Southeast Asia in advance of an actual threat to Australia itself which is apparently regarded as unlikely even should a major war break out in the Pacific.

Most Australians would prefer not to become involved in the China theatre or indeed anywhere in Asia. Reluctance to do anything to upset Indian feelings is thought to be a major factor in this attitude.

(See Chinese Puzzle, Page 3, Col. 5)

London Money Talks Take 'Better Turn'

From Our Own Correspondent

LONDON, Wednesday. — There is little news from either the Anglo-Egyptian or the Anglo-Israel sterling talks except that the latter are now expected to conclude first, probably in about a fortnight, more or less simultaneously with the parallel discussion on Israel's oil supplies.

No meeting at the Treasury has been fixed for this week, but discussions continue and have taken a better turn. The Anglo-Egyptian sterling talks, which were resumed today by Mr. Gaitskell and Salah e-Din, will now lapse for about a month until the Egyptian Foreign Minister returns from Cairo. By then the political and military discussions should have neared completion.

Four-Party Labour Front Elects Petah Tikva Mayor

PETAH TIKVA, Wednesday.—Mr. Pinhas Rashish, head of the Mapai Party here, was elected Mayor of Petah Tikva this afternoon, by nine votes to eight, by a front of all labour councillors, including Mapam and the two orthodox workers' groups.

Elected as Deputy Mayors were Mr. David Tabatchnik (Mapam), Mr. Israel Edelman (Poalei Agudat Israel), and Mr. David Neuman (Hapoel Hamizrahi).

The votes cast for Mr. Rashish included those of Mapai, Mapam, Poalei Agudat Israel and Hapoel Hamizrahi. The opponent was Mr. Moshe Schwartz (Mizrahi) who got eight votes.

The candidature of Mr. Schwartz was a last-minute manoeuvre of the Right coalition in the hope of persuading the Orthodox Councillors to join it. Mr. Yosef Saphir, the out-going Mayor, cancelled his candidature when it became evident that he would not be elected.

Before the vote was taken, Mr. Schwartz asked the Orthodox Councillors to go out to the lobby to talk over the matter. They did not accept.

After the vote, Mr. Saphir congratulated the new Mayor. Mr. Rashish said he considered himself the representative of all electors. The Sabbath observance law would be enforced, he added.

Way Now Clear For Election in J'lem

Following the mayoralty election in Petah Tikva, the Jerusalem Mayor, Mr. Daniel Auster, said last night that he would notify the Councillors by letter today of the date of the next meeting, when a mayor for the capital will be elected. He would not say when the session would be held, but it is expected to be called either for tomorrow or Sunday.

Yesterday morning a delegation of the Rightist, five-party coalition visited the Mayor to request the summoning of the Councillors for an immediate meeting. He told the group that he would do so as soon as the Petah Tikva election was over since the developments there had forced the Jerusalem Council to hold several inconclusive sessions during the past week.

General Zionist circles in Jerusalem insisted that the failure of Hapoel Hamizrahi to support Mr. J. Saphir for the Petah Tikva mayoralty would not change their vote in support of Mr. S.Z. Shragai (Religious Bloc), who is the coalition's agreed candidate.

The Mapai-Mapam agreement on municipalities was formally upheld by the joint six-man committee, which met in Jerusalem yesterday. The Haifa deadlock was not discussed, but all other points have been settled. In Rehovot, Mapam will support Mr. B. Z. Horowitz, the Mapai candidate, and in Rishon Le'Zion, voting is also expected to proceed shortly. The Ramle "incident," where Mapam voted against the Mapai candidate, was described as a "hitch before the agreement."

Earlier yesterday, the Minister of Interior, Mr. Moshe Shapiro, indicated in the Knesset that unless Mayor Auster convenes the Council he would order the District Representative to do so.

Intervention Threatened

Mr. Shapiro (Hapoel Hamizrahi) did not refer to Jerusalem in particular. He merely pointed out that the Minister of Interior has the right to order the District Representative to convene a Municipal Council if the outgoing mayor abuses his authority.

He was replying to a brief debate arising from proposals by Mr. Idov Cohen (Progressives) and Dr. Zerah Warhaftig (Orthodox) for amendments to the Municipal Corporations Ordinance of 1934, designed to obviate countrywide municipal elections on a fixed day.

Mr. Cohen also proposed that mayors should be elected within three days after the election results are gazetted, and Dr. Warhaftig proposed a two-week limit.

Agreement Reached In Port Dispute

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — Agreement between the Marine Trust Ltd., and the Tel Aviv port workers was reached tonight in a meeting held in Mayor Rokach's office.

Representatives of the local Labour Council and the Histadrut Executive were present. Mayor Rokach is the chairman of the Marine Trust, Ltd.

The General Assembly of the port workers will tomorrow night be told the particulars of the settlement, which includes the recognition of old-time workers' seniority and an assurance of 16 days' work monthly after a year's work in the port.

Cabinet Approves Works Projects

A series of public works projects was decided upon at yesterday's Cabinet meeting in Jerusalem.

The Cabinet discussed conditions in the ma'abarot and in the labour market. It was announced.

The Government also dealt with the supply situation. It approved a bill on the control of insurance, which is to be presented to the Knesset.

Chinese Reach Burning Seoul; Cease-Fire Trio Reports Failure

Eban Pursues Mediation Try

By JESSE ZEL LURIE, POST Correspondent

NEW YORK, Wednesday. — Among the many parallel discussions, dinners and conferences which went on continuously among U.N. delegates over last weekend but which went unreported in the U.S. press, was Mr. A. Eban's successive meetings on Monday with Mr. Ernest Gross, Sir Gladwyn Jebb, M. Jacob Malik and Sir Benegal Rau, the U.S., U.K., U.S.S.R. and Indian senior U.N. delegates respectively.

Israel is trying to obtain mutual agreement to the programme for Korea first enunciated by Mr. Sharett, viz., permanent and unconditional cease-fire; the progressive withdrawal of all foreign forces accompanied by agreement of all parties concerned for supervising elections in a unified Korea; and direct discussions between U.S. and China to settle all outstanding differences.

All parties have welcomed the initiative of Israel in trying to find a solution, but its programme obviously requires concessions from both sides.

Neither the U.S. nor China has shown any signs of changing its position. The rest of U.N., which finds itself in the middle, will probably not go along with the American demand to declare China an "aggressor."

Truman Discusses Israel Bond Issue

WASHINGTON, Wednesday — Mr. Henry Morgenthau said after a visit to the White House today that he had discussed with President Truman "several matters concerning Israel" and they saw "eye to eye" on them. He would not go into details, merely confirming that he expected "to play some part" in the Israel Bond issue in the U.S. for raising $500m. in three years.

The formation of an organization to conduct the sale of bonds was announced here today by Mr. Henry Montor, chief executive officer of the new body, described as the American Financial Development Corporation for Israel.

Seeking Self-Support

"Israel is coming to the citizens of the U.S.," Mr. Montor explained to a press conference, "to borrow funds with which to strengthen its economy and put its vastly expanding population on a self-supporting basis.

"Israel represents one of the prime investments in history. It is investment in people who believe in themselves, in people who may easily become the first line of defence for America."

Mr. Montor said that initial plans for the floating of the Israel Bond issue here had been formulated by a board of directors composed of Jewish leaders from all parts of America. The exact date of launching the issue will be determined by the legal and technical preparations now under way but it will most likely be in May. (J.N.A., Reuter)

The Post New York correspondent learns that at the Corporation's first meeting on Friday, it will elect Mr. Henry Morgenthau Jr., as Board chairman and appoint as its chief legal counsel, Judge Robert P. Patterson, a former Secretary for War, and an associate of Mr. Morgenthau in the Modern Industrial Bank.

U.S. Ready to Continue Talks With China in Future—Austin

LAKE SUCCESS Wednesday (AP). — The U.N. Cease-fire Committee announced today it has abandoned hope of getting a truce in Korea.

The report of the three-power body was laid before the General Assembly's Political Committee by India's Sir Benegal Rau.

After reviewing cease-fire efforts during the past fortnight, the report said,

"The group regrets it has been unable to pursue the discussion of a satisfactory cease-fire arrangement.

"It therefore feels that no recommendation in regard to a cease-fire can usefully be made at this time."

The report was signed by Sir Benegal, Mr. Lester Pearson of Canada, and Mr. Nasrullah Entezam of Iran, President of General Assembly.

After reading the report, the Indian delegate told the Committee it must continue its peace efforts.

"Most of my listeners will probably feel the report is nothing more than a record of failure but we must go on exploring every means to maintain peace, even if final attempts fail," he said.

The report disclosed for the first time the cease-fire terms laid down by General MacArthur's command.

These included:

1. All governments, including Communist China, to cease hostilities at once.
2. A demilitarisation zone 35 kms. wide should be established just north of the 38th. Parallel.
3. Supervision of the cease-fire should be carried out by a U.N. commission.
4. Prisoners of war should be exchanged on a one for one basis pending final settlement of the Korea question.
5. The General Assembly should be asked to confirm the cease-fire arrangements.

The Peking government, however, labelled the whole cease-fire effort as a trick to permit U.N. forces to regroup for new attacks. It refused to establish any formal contact with the Cease-fire Committee.

As soon as Sir Benegal finished, Mr. Jacob Malik, Russia, repeated previous assertions that the U.N. cease-fire move was designed to let U.S. forces regroup and continue fighting.

Mr. Malik said Communist China had given the basis for a peaceful settlement in suggesting the withdrawal of foreign troops, permitting the Koreans to settle their own problems, the withdrawal of the U.S. from Formosa, and the admission of Communist China to the U.N.

No Appeasement

The U.S. delegate, Mr. Warren Austin, told the Committee:

"Aggression must be resisted. There can be no appeasement. Our objective in Korea continues to be repulsing aggression and the establishment of a democratic Korea."

Mr. Austin said the Truce Committee had worked "diligently and devotedly" and had failed, but it was no disgrace to have tried and failed.

Nevertheless America is ready to continue discussions with the Chinese Communists "at an appropriate time and in an appropriate forum," he added.

Communists Make Suicide Advance

TOKYO, Wednesday (AP). — The ancient buildings of Seoul blazed unheeded last night as leading elements of seven Chinese armies were reported to have reached the outskirts of the republican capital.

Allied infantrymen fought desperately outside the city as burning debris littered the streets. Their primary mission is to prevent the Chinese reforming for the death blow. Wave upon wave of Chinese infantry was chopped down as the attackers smashed southwards. They used some tanks to tip their assault, but foot formations took the full brunt of the Allied fire.

Less than 200,000 civilians remained in the dying city tonight. The rest of its one and a half million population had fled to the south. South Korean police are halting the refugee columns and taking physically fit men to dig trenches on the south bank of the Han River.

Throughout the day Allied planes have raked the enemy columns. The fatalistic indifference of the Chinese to the strafing amazed the fliers. One intelligence officer said: "They are attacking, recklessly exposing themselves, even though they know planes will get them."

Life Paralysed

Seoul's normal life was paralysed, with offices and shops shuttered, doors of abandoned homes banging in the wind. A number of fires sprang up in the city, and the fire department made no effort to put them out. Big buildings went up in roaring sheets of flame.

"All along the U.N. line, withdrawals continued "under heavy pressure," a U.S. 8th Army spokesman said tonight.

U.N. troops were manning strongpoints in depth in defence of the South Korean capital.

From the almost deserted city, South Korean President Syngman Rhee and his government leaders today reached their new emergency capital, the southeast coast town of Pusan.

Plunging across minefields and through barbed wire defences, the Communists overran some Allied advanced positions to batter the defence arc directly north of the capital.

While 10,000 Communists were driving directly on Seoul, hundreds of thousands were sweeping down the mountainous spine of central Kprea.

On the road from the northwest to Seoul, U.N. troops today abandoned Munsan, road town on the southern bank of the Imjin river.

In the mountainous west coast area, wave after wave of fighters and bombers smashed into the Communists trying to move southwards.

Four Chinese armies and two North Korean corps on this front and in the centre may try to capture the important communications centre of Wonju, 53 kms. southeast of Seoul, according to General MacArthur's headquarters.

U.N. air strikes were claimed today to have damaged or destroyed 79 Communist-held vehicles.

Acheson Says Russia Must Clarify Position on Parley

WASHINGTON, Wednesday (Reuter). — Secretary of State Dean Acheson said today that the Western Powers must have further clarification of the Soviet attitude before assuming that the Soviet Union is ready for four-power peace talks.

Mr. Acheson read to his weekly news conference a statement commenting on the latest Soviet note in the exchanges which have been going on for some months regarding the possibility of talks between the Soviet Union, Britain, France and the U.S.

He said that it was obvious that the Soviet note did not constitute an acceptance of the Western Powers' proposals for the talks.

They must have further clarification of the Soviet position before they could assume that the Soviet Union was ready to accept their proposals to discuss the solution of outstanding problems.

These included Germany, in regard to which the Soviet attitude had created a sense of insecurity in the minds of peace-loving nations.

Meanwhile, Britain seemed inclined today to accept Russia's proposal for Big Four talks on Germany even though the Soviet offer falls short of the West's desire for a discussion of wider world issues.

The official British attitude is by no means set, however.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday. (Reuter). — The State Department announced that the Secretary of State Dean Acheson has called in the British and French Ambassadors for discussions tonight.

A decision will be made only after Russia's note has been carefully analyzed and debated by the American, British and French governments. Talks among the three nations have already begun in Washington, a Foreign Office spokesman reported today.

The spokesman, reflecting official caution on the subject, withheld formal comment on the note after a daily news conference. He said it needed "further study."

But some British informants privately expressed the view that Britain may well urge the U.S. to accept Russia's proposition.

The government has been pressed by members of Parliament of all parties to do everything possible to bring about an East-West reconciliation.

Britain apparently also thinks an out-of-hand turn-down of the Soviet call for talks on Germany would weaken the West in that country at a time when German friendship is needed.

There is no tendency in Britain, meanwhile, to under-estimate the appeal which Russia's German policies have for the Germans themselves — however false the West may think the basis is for those policies.

P.M.'S SPECIAL POWERS EXPIRE

The Knesset yesterday voted against discussing the Cabinet's decision of last September granting special emergency powers to the Prime Minister. The powers had been extended for three months, and have now expired.

The motion for debate had been filed some time ago by Dr. Yohanan Bader (Herut) and Mr. Shmuel Mikunis (Communist). It reached the Knesset floor only yesterday, and Dr. Bader withdrew his motion, saying that it was too late.

Mr. Mikunis insisted upon a debate, stating that the Cabinet's action had been an election stunt. Mr. Israel Bar Yehuda (Mapam) agreed, and asked that the issue be sent to committee.

MEAT FROM URUGUAY

MONTEVIDEO, Wednesday (UP). — Foreign Office officials reported today that an agreement will soon be signed for the shipment of Uruguayan meat to Israel. The agreement would cover several years with periodical review of prices.

Truman Signs Excess Profits Tax Bill

WASHINGTON, Wednesday — (Reuter). President Truman today signed the new excess profits tax bill imposing a 77 per cent super-levy on corporation excess profits.

The bill increases the country's tax collections to the highest dollar figure in history, but Mr. Truman said: "The tasks ahead of us require more and much more heavier taxes."

He added in a statement: "I shall, in due course, submit to Congress recommendations for substantial tax increases."

AZZAM STAYS OVER IN ROME

ROME, Wednesday (UP). — Azzam Pasha, secretary-general of the Arab League, was received by the Italian President, Sgr. Luigi Einaudi, today. He had discussions with the Pope yesterday.

Azzam Pasha had been due to resume his journey home to Cairo from New York today, but he has now decided to remain here a few more days.

French Claim Easing Of Indo-China Pressure

SAIGON, Wednesday (AP). — The French army said in a communique tonight that Vietminh troops have harassed three French posts and attacked a village in the region north of Hanoi. But a lessening in the intensity of enemy offensive action is noted.

The army also claimed improvement in the situation around the Tienyen-Monkai salient on the northeast frontier of Indochina. The frontier coastal area has been under constant attack for over a week.

French fighters and bombers struck at Vietminh assembly areas both in the region north of Hanoi and in the Tienyen-Monkai area where new Vietminh troop movements were reported west of Hanoi.

Jakarta to Revise Dutch Treaties

JAKARTA, Wednesday (AP). — Premier Mohammed Natsir tonight told a plenary session of parliament that "existing agreements with the Netherlands must be revised" as a result of Holland's refusal to hand over West New Guinea to Indonesia.

However, he did not specifically call for the abolition of union or round table pacts as generally expected.

From The Hague the Dutch government had already made it known it would consider the one-sided abolition of treaties by Indonesia "illegal acts."

Mr. Natsir, however, made clear that parliament has not yet endorsed the government's proposed policy.

PALMER SEES PEACE PROSPECTS

WASHINGTON, Wednesday (UP). — Mr. Ely E. Palmer, U.S. representative on the Palestine Conciliation Commission, paid a farewell visit to President Truman yesterday. He refused to disclose the content of the conversation.

Asked what he thought of the P.C.C.'s chances of obtaining an early settlement of Arab-Israel differences, Mr. Palmer replied, "the very fact that the Commission is still meeting indicates hope on our part that there will be an opportunity of bringing permanent peace."

Mr. Palmer is to visit New York for Beirut on Friday.

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Social & Personal

A farewell luncheon for Prof. Morris Ginsberg, of the London School of Economics, was held on Tuesday by President S. Brodetsky, of the Hebrew University, at the Touring Club in Jerusalem. Prof. Ginsberg, who spent two months in Jerusalem as a guest lecturer in Sociology at the Hebrew University, will return to London soon.

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Mr. Menahem Begin, Knesset Member, left for Paris by T.W.A. yesterday for medical treatment.

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Mr. O. Ben Ami, Nathanya Mayor, received a delegation of the local Merchants' Association in his offices yesterday on the occasion of his reelection.

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Mr. Avraham Berman, General-Secretary of the Anti-Tuberculosis League of Israel, returned recently from England.

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Mme Edis de Philippe left Israel yesterday for a short visit to the United States.

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Mr. Ian Mikardo, M.P., will lecture on "Economy and Social Development in Great Britain" to the students of the Hebrew University at the Beth Hahalutzot, Jerusalem, at 4.30 p.m. today. The public is invited.

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Esther Adir, the young pianist, will give a recital at Beitenu Hall, Haifa, at 8 o'clock tonight.

Zionist Elections In Israel Speeded

Preparations will be speeded up for Israel elections for the 23rd Zionist Congress, which is to be held on July 11, the Organization Committee of the Zionist General Council decided yesterday in Jerusalem. To complete preparations for the Congress, and to enable full discussion of the problems of the Zionist Movement, the Committee decided to hold monthly meetings in the future.

Summary of recommendations on a IL.165,000 budget proposal submitted by the Organization Department was postponed for the next session.

Mr. Eliahu Dobkin, who presided at the meeting, presented a report on preparations for the Congress to date, and on the results of elections in various countries. Representatives of all Zionist parties attended the meeting.

Publisher Sues Zionist Organization

The publishing firm, "Hotza'a Ivrit," which claims the copyright to most of Theodor Herzl's writings, has sued the World Zionist Organization in the Jerusalem District Court on the ground that the latter has printed some of Herzl's works without permission.

The company asked for a court order prohibiting further publication, IL.5,900 damages, and compensation for all volumes already sold. It also seeks to gain possession of all the unsold books, as well as the cuts, illustrations and pictures used in the publications and those that are planned for future volumes.

Advocates for the plaintiff are Messrs. N.A. Tell and P. Rabinovitch. The case is not expected to be heard for several months because of the crowded calendar.

SUPREME COURT CASES TODAY

Before the President and Justices; Agranat & Silberg: (Cr.A. 24/50): Dr. A. Gorali v. Legal Adviser.

Citrus Exports Compared

By Economicus

A total of 3,327,810 cases of citrus fruit, valued at IL.4.9m., and representing 50 per cent of total exports, were sent abroad in the first ten months of 1950, according to the latest foreign trade statistics of the Treasury. These figures compare with 3.4m. cases, valued at IL.5m. and representing 61.6 per cent of total exports in the same period of 1949.

A full comparison with previous years will, of course, only be possible when the 1950-51 export season is completed. But whatever the final figures will be, they will not nearly reach the past volume. Exports before the partition of the country were (in 1,000 cases):

1935-36:	5,886
1936-37:	10,796
1938-39:	15,264
1946-47:	10,789

In 1938-39, oranges fetched 315 mils f.o.b. per case, leaving a profit of 38 mils, whereas grapefruit realized only 212 mils, resulting in a loss of 25 mils. According to a pamphlet just published by the Jewish Farmers Union, the average price paid in the current season at auctions in Liverpool, Cardiff and London was 29 sh. or, at the official exchange rate, IL.1.450.

The cost of picking, packing, transport, etc., is said to amount to IL.1.700, to which sum should be added the cost of cultivation which is estimated at 12-14 sh., so that citrus planters would lose from 17 to 19 sh. on each case.

The accuracy of these figures is, no doubt, the main object of the negotiations on the extent of a Government subsidy which have been in progress for some time.

Correction: In the article "Citrus as Key Export Industry" by Mr. M.H. Sachs in last Monday's Economic Supplement it was said that total costs will be "one-and-a-half times higher than last year"; this should have read: "will be one-and-a-half shillings more than last year, not including the increased cost of packing materials."

Situation Critical in Iraq

Iraqi Jews here were advised to exercise discretion in writing to relatives in Iraq and even to stop writing altogether lest they endanger them, in an article in a recent issue of a bulletin published by the Union of Iraqi Jews in Israel for members of the community.

The bulletin, which described the deterioration of conditions in Iraq, asserted that all letters from Israel are opened by Iraqi secret police, and that the homes of Jews receiving such mail are searched. In addition, it was claimed that a large number of letters from here are being kept on file by the secret police.

The general condition of the Iraqi Jewish community was described as critical. According to the bulletin, customs officials at Baghdad airport mistreat Jewish emigrants, taking from them all khaki clothing, sugar, rice, and tea, besides tearing clothing and breaking glassware during customs inspections. Thefts were reported, and it is said that police beat complainants.

Baggage at Airport

Immigrants arriving in Israel complained that they were forced to leave their goods in Baghdad airport, and that it often takes weeks for the baggage to arrive. Some suspect it never will.

As for those who still remain in Iraq, the circular described them as verging on despair. Most of the 80,000 who await emigration to Israel wound up their affairs during the summer months and planned to make-shift until transportation was available. Many were forced to stay with friends and relatives, it was said, and to sleep on the roofs of their homes. Whereas this was possible during the summer months, the approach of winter and rains threatens both health and morale.

Drug Shortage May Worsen

By Ruth Cale
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — The acute shortages of certain pharmaceuticals, including absorbent cotton, may worsen because of conditions in the world market, according to leading pharmacists here.

Cellulose, which in some cases can be used as a substitute for cotton, is in short supply, too, and since it is made from materials also used in war production, its price has risen by 63 per cent during the past two months.

The country's five absorbent cotton factories are working only part-time. Present stocks of raw material will last four weeks. According to one manufacturer, four months elapse between the granting of an import licence and foreign exchange, and the arrival of raw materials.

After a period of two months without supplies, each pharmacy was recently allocated 10 kilos of absorbent cotton which was bought up in less than a day. According to Mr. Y. Gerner, of the Merchants' Association, there is now a black market in which cotton fetches five-fold prices.

More Textiles For Doctors, Pharmacists

Physicians and pharmacists will receive a supplementary annual allotment of textiles, the Ministry of Trade and Industry has announced. A private doctor will receive two white coats, two sheets, three pillow cases, five towels, three dish towels and three floor rags.

A pharmacist employing three assistants will receive 12 towels, 12 rags, six floor rags, and two laboratory coats for every assistant. Special allotments for dentists are also under consideration, it was reported.

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NOTICES TO THE PUBLIC

DEFENCE REGULATIONS 1939
Order Concerning the Control of Supplies

In virtue of the powers vested in me under Regulation 46 of the Defence Regulations 1939, I do hereby order as follows:—

1. Amendment:

The Defence (Control and Supplies) Order 1948 (1) shall be amended as follows:

A. The following section shall be inserted after Section 3:—

Special Provisions as to the registration of building materials

3a) Any person who has in his possession or under his control any quantity of building materials, viz., grey cement or white cement; white wood or pine wood; round iron bars or iron angles and squares of any kind, to be used for building purposes or for the purpose of manufacturing concrete products or any other building construction products—whether it be on his own account or on account of others—shall

(a) submit up to and not later than January 10, 1951, a full and correct return with respect to the said commodities in his possession or under his control on the day of submitting such return.

(b) submit a monthly return, after the above-mentioned date, on the 5th of every month with regard to the said commodities in his possession or under his control, which shall contain the following particulars:—

(i) quantity or weight of the commodity, detailed hereinabove in his possession at the beginning of the previous month.

(ii) quantity or weight of the commodity, detailed hereinabove, acquired by him during the previous month.

(iii) quantity or weight of the commodity, detailed hereinabove, which he utilized during the previous month for building purposes, indicating the exact address of the building operation.

(iv) quantity or weight of the commodity set out above which he utilized during the previous month for the purpose of manufacturing concrete products or other building construction products.

(v) quantity or weight of concrete products or other building construction products which he manufactured from the commodities detailed herein-above in the course of the previous month, indicating details of the orders he received during the previous month for the manufacture of such products.

(vi) quantity or weight of commodities detailed hereinabove which remained in his possession or under his control at the end of the previous month.

(vii) quantity or weight of concrete products or other building construction products manufactured by him, as above mentioned, which remained in his possession or under his control at the end of the previous month.

The returns mentioned in sub-sections (a) and (b) above, shall be submitted, in two copies, to the director of the branch of the Ministry of Trade and Industry in the district where the building operation or manufacture is carried out or the place where the commodities or the concrete products and other building construction products mentioned above are to be found.

B. In the second schedule to the above order the word "imported cement," shall be replaced by the word "cement."

2. Validity:

This Order shall come into effect on January 7, 1951.

3. Title:

This Order shall be known as the Defence (Control of Supplies) (Amendment No. 4) Order 1950.

(Sgd.) *Dr. A. Loventhal,*
Competent Authority.

Jerusalem, December 26, 1950.

(1) Official Gazette No.18, Supplement No.2 of 1.9.1948.

LOOK TO YOUR IDENTITY CARD

The attention of the public is called to the need of residents' seeing to it that his or her present address is included in the Identity Card or Registration voucher in order to obviate the coming distribution of new Food Ration Books by the Department of Food, Ministry of Agriculture.

Any person who has changed his residence after the 1948 Census and who has failed to notify the authorities of his new address, should do so now without fail.

Under the Citizens' Registration Order every person over 16 years of age must inform the Registry Office or the local Registration Depot of change of address. This holds for any person who changes his address as well as for the new immigrant who enters a flat.

Whoever fails to fulfil these instructions is liable to punishment under Section 12 (B) of the Residents Registration Order, 1949.

Residents' Registration Department.

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

The Branch Department for Building and Building Materials of the Ministry of Trade and Industry informs all concerned that builders working privately or through contractors, Shikun Companies or Industrial Companies must inform the District Offices of the Ministry of Trade and Industry about the condition of the building or the "Shikun" which they have already started. Forms to this end are available at the District Offices of the Ministry of Trade and Industry, Jerusalem (Generali Bldg.); Tel Aviv (King George Ave., Halaf Bldg., Jaffa); Haifa (82 Kingsway). Forms are likewise obtainable from the Organization of Contractors and Builders. The Form should be submitted in two copies within one week of publication of this Notice. Information concerning the condition of buildings connected with the "Investment Centre" should be submitted to the "Investment Centre," Hakirya, 19 Rehov B; information concerning the condition of buildings in agricultural settlements is to be submitted to the Ministry of Agriculture. Forms are obtainable at the Agricultural Centre and at the District Councils.

A special announcement will be made concerning buildings whose construction has not yet begun, but application for which has already been made to the Department of Goods and Supply, formerly the Ministry of Supply and Rationing.

CUSTODIAN OF ABSENTEE PROPERTY. TENDER 2/51.

Tenders for the Razing of Buildings in Acre Town.

1. Tenders are hereby invited from expert contractors for the work of razing condemned buildings in the town planning area of Acre (Old City). 2. Particulars are obtainable during weekdays at the Office of the Custodian of Absentee Property, Haifa (13 Kingsway, room No 21), from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 3. Tenderers are requested to submit an all-over estimate (for the whole job and not according to itemized cost). 4. Tenders should be sent by Registered Mail or deposited in the Tenders' Box in the Secretariat of the Custodian's Office in Haifa in a sealed envelope which should be marked "Razing of Buildings in Acre." Offers should be accompanied by a deposit or a bank cheque amounting to ten per cent of the cost of the work. 5. The last date for submitting tenders is January 17, 1951, at 12 noon. 6. The Custodian does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any offer.

PROPERTY. — TENDER No 1/51

Tender for the repair of buildings in Acre Town.

1. Tenders are hereby invited from expert contractors for repair work of Absentee houses in the town planning area of Acre (Old City). 2. Particulars are available on weekdays at the Office of the Custodian of Absentee Property, Haifa (13 Kingsway, room No. 21) from 9 a.m. — 1 p.m., 3. Tenders should be sent by Registered Mail or may be deposited in the Tenders Box in the Secretariat of the Office of the Custodian in Haifa in a sealed envelope which should be marked "Repair of Buildings in Acre." Tenders should be accompanied by a deposit or bank cheque to the extent of 10 per cent of the estimated cost. 4. The last date for submitting tenders is January 17, 1951, at 12 noon.

The Custodian does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any tender.

SALE OF POSTAL AND AIR STAMP BOOKLETS

Booklets of postage and air stamps will be on sale at all Post Offices in the country and at the Office of the Philatelic Service, 2 Pinsker St., Tel Aviv, on and after Sunday, January 7, 1951, containing stamps dedicated to the World Postal Union.

Every booklet contains four stamps of 40 pruta and four stamps of 80 pruta and its price will be 480 pruta.



SHIPS IN HAIFA PORT ON WEDNESDAY

St. Anthony, Br., Gen. Cargo. Georgios G., Gr., Wheat. [illegible], Is., Gen. Cargo. [illegible], Is., Loads Citrus. General Rivera, Lib., Molasses. Samaria, Pan., Potatoes. [illegible], It., Wheat Flour. Paul Revere, U.S., Wood. Galilah, Is., Immigrants' Effects. Selo, Hond., Carobs. Medinah, Is., Compl. Unloading. San Michele, It., Gen. Cargo. Kastamboglou, Tur., Wood. [illegible], Br., Fish.

ANCHORED IN HAIFA BAY

Lewant	Polish
San Antonio	Italian

DEPARTURES IN PAST 24 HRS.

[illegible]	Panamian
Lechistan	Polish

SHIPS EXPECTED

Date	Ships	Cargo
5	Luna	Mixed Cargo.
5	Kora	Cattle.
6	Filippo	Passengers.
	Grimani	Gen. Cargo.
6	Venetian	Gen. Cargo.
7	Giuseppe Groce	Cattle.
10	San Angelo	Wheat, Soybean.
10	Palermo	Gen. Cargo. Acid.

SHIPS IN TEL AVIV PORT ON WEDNESDAY

[illegible], Nor., Potatoes. Stewart Prince, Br., Gen. Cargo, Iron, Pipes. Lechistan, Pol., Wheat.

SHIPS EXPECTED

Date	Ships	Cargo
4	Lanur	Gen. Cargo, Iron.
[illegible]	Venetian	
[illegible]	Palermo	
[illegible]	Samaria	
[illegible]	[illegible]	
[illegible]	[illegible]	
[illegible]	San Ander	
[illegible]	Yaffo	

EMERGENCY PHARMACIES

JERUSALEM: Schneider, 13 Ben Yehuda, 3861; Bet Israel, Bet Israel, [illegible].

TEL AVIV: Marpeh, 77 Allenby, [illegible]; Kitiwitz, 23 Hayarkon, 3506; [illegible], 87 Ahad Ha'am, 4091; [illegible], 63 Ben Yehuda, 2183; [illegible], 65 4th St., Jaffa; Herzl, [illegible], Ramat Gan; Briut, 7 Syrkin, Givatayim.

HAIFA: Hechalutz, 61 Hechalutz, [illegible], 17 Garden, German Colony, [illegible]; Bialik, Kiryat Bialik, [illegible].

Two to One In Vienna's Favour

The football club of Vienna (pre-war Nicholson) won two out of their three games with Salonika teams, but sustained a 2-1 defeat at the hands of the local P.A.O.K. last Thursday. On Tuesday the visitors beat the Aries Club, 2-1, after defeating the Hercules Club by 2-1 the previous day. The Austrian team is to play Greece's outstanding teams in Athens this week.

Maccabi Light Athletics

A strong wind slowed down the Maccabi light athletic competition on Saturday at the Tel Aviv stadium, where more than 100 athletes from six Maccabi branches met. The Haifa Maccabi squad stood out in the competition, which included girls as well as boys.

Friendly Games

Results of the main games in the friendly soccer competition were: Hapoel Tel Aviv beat Hapoel Rehovot 5-0 (in Jaffa); Hapoel Ramat Gan beat Hapoel Haifa 4-2 (in Haifa); Betar Tel Aviv beat Maccabi Rishon le Zion 5-2 (in Rishon).

JERUSALEM CINEMAS

At 3, 6.30 & 8.30 p.m.
EDEN: On the Town.
EDISON: Escape (only at 3 p.m.)
ORION: A Song Is Born.
SEMADAR: Ecstasy.
STUDIO: Les Visiteurs du Soir.
ZION: Tokyo Joe.

T.A. MACCABI WINS CUP

The week-end's leading sports event took place in Rehovot on Saturday when the Tel Aviv Maccabi beat Maccabi of Petah Tikva 6-2 to win the President Weizmann Cup. The cup is awarded to the best of seven Maccabi teams which hold their games in Rehovot. Present among the more than 2,000 spectators was Mrs. Vera Weizmann, wife of the President.

WIRELESS PROGRAMMES

TEL AVIV: 43.9, 33.3 & 522 M.; JERUSALEM: 407 M.; HAIFA: 249 M.

NEWS: Hebrew: 7 a.m., 1.30 p.m. 6, 8.30 and 10.25 p.m.; **English:** 2 and 10.15 p.m.; **Arabic Programme** (including News): 8 a.m., 2.15 and 7.15 p.m.; **French:** 3 p.m.

6.30 a.m. service. **6.35** Exercises. **6.45** Musical Clock R). **7.15** Melodies. **7.45** Oriental Music: R. Amar. **8.30** Close Down.

10.00 a.m. Morning Concert (R). **10.30** Piano Duets (R). **10.45** Southern Rhythm (R). **11.00** Concert Hall: Sonata No.2 (Brahms); "Contrasts" for Violin, Clarinet & Piano (Bartok). **11.45** Bing Crosby (R). **12.00** N. Break for Music (R). **12.20** Agricultural News. **12.30** Programme for Hospitals (R). **1.00** Soldiers' Programme. **1.45** Housewives' Corner. **3.15** Close Down.

4.00 p.m. Programme for Yemenites. **4.20** Siesta (R). **4.30** Operas (R). **5.00** Vocal Recital: Rivka Alto. **5.15** Military Band (R). **5.30** Recital: Sascha Parnes. **5.40** Geography in the News. **6.15** Language Corner. **6.30** Children's Hour. **7.00** From Worker to Worker: Talk. **7.45** Bible Reading. **8.00** Soldiers' Programme. **8.40** Commentaries. **8.45** "The Knesset and Its Committees." **9.00** Kol Yisrael Orchestra. Conductor: Shabetai Petrushka. Soloist: Lotte Laufer. **9.30** "Children and their Parents." **9.45** Where to Go (Jerusalem). **9.45** Talmud Lesson by Rabbi Nariya. **10.30** Excerpts from "Samson," Oratorio by Handel. **11.12** Close Down.

Immigrants' Hour (33.3 M.): 7.00 p.m.) **Yiddish:** 7.30 p.m. **Ladino:** 7.40 p.m. **French;** 8.00 p.m. **Turkish;** 8.15 p.m. Persian.

Kol Zion Lagola (33.3 M.): 12.00 Newsreel. 12.15 Request Programme. 12.30 A Report from the People.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS (31.23 and 24.33 M.): 6.30 News. 6.40 News Talk. 6.45 This Week's Tune. 6.48 London Letter.

ARMY PROGRAMMES (230 M. and 44.6 M.): 6.30 p.m. Programme Announcements. 6.33 Request Programme. 7.00 Reports. 7.30 Today's Events. 7.35 Guest in the Studio. 8.00 Soldiers' Programme. 8.30 News. 8.40 Interlude. 8.45 "Maarachot." 9.15 Dance Music. 10.00 Close Down.

Where to Go

JERUSALEM

9-1; 2-5: Prints from the Eliel Collection; also other recent acquisitions; Exhibit of the Month: Hanukkah Lamp (Bronze), Persia and Bukharia; Bezalel Museum.

10-1; 4-7: Water Colours by Joseph Kossonogi; also Permanent Exhibition by Jerusalem Artists; Artists' House.

4.30 p.m.: Ian Mikardo on "Economy and Social Development in Great Britain;" Beth Hahalutzoth.

6.30 & 9 p.m.: "Call Me Ciomka:" Chamber Theatre; Edison Hall.

TEL AVIV

9-1; 3-7: Drawings by Abba. Mikra Studio, 56 Allenby Rd.

10-4: Gouaches by Elishu Sigard; Tel Aviv Museum.

8 p.m.: "Tartuffe:" Chamber Theatre; Mograbi Hall.

HAIFA

8 a.m.-5.30 p.m.: Theological and Scientific Library — Central Synagogue Bldg., Rehov Gilad.

10-1; 4-6: Municipal Museum, 2 Hassan Shukri St.

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Tuesday, Jan. 9, 8 p.m.
JERUSALEM: Edison
Thursday, Jan. 11, 8 p.m.
Faust
Opera in 5 Acts by Gounod
[illegible]
with [illegible]
of La Scala, Milan
Conductor: G. [illegible]
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Today's POST BAG

THE WEATHER

	*A	B	C	D
Mt. Cana'an	—	7	15	16
Nathanya	59	12	21	22
Hakirya	59	11	21	23
Lydda Airport	65	11	21	28
Jerusalem	78	9	14	17
Beersheba	77	7	20	22

Forecast: Warm with moderate cloudiness.

*A) Humidity at 3 pm. yesterday
B) Minimum temp. yesterday.
C) Maximum temp. yesterday.
D) Maxim. temp. expected today

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The new cost-of-living index is scheduled for publication in Jerusalem within a week. It will be based mainly on the food basket, as is the present index.

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For giving a IL.5 bribe to a food inspector who stopped him on the Herzlia road last February, Mordecai Brenner, 50, a Haifa driver, was sentenced to 21 days' imprisonment by the Magistrates Court in Tel Aviv yesterday.

350 Gov't Employees To Be Transferred

The 350 members of the staff of the Control Department of the former Ministry of Supply and Rationing will be divided among three Ministries, it was learned in Jerusalem yesterday.

Some 200 clerks and controllers will be transferred to the Ministry of Trade and Industry, and the Ministry of Agriculture (Food Division), while the remainder may be transferred to the Police Ministry.

A questionnaire was recently circulated among the employees of the now defunct Department asking them to choose a department in which they preferred to work. Their replies are to be submitted today.

An inter-ministerial committee is expected to meet today in Tel Aviv to decide on the position of about 150 employees.

Release of Goods From Customs to Be Eased

The release of merchandise from customs will be simplified following the publication of amended regulations, it was announced yesterday.

Rationed goods arriving in the country would continue to be released against special permits. Representatives of the Ministry of Trade and Industry would be present at the ports to issue them in exchange for type "B" point certificates.

The old regulations required that requests for permits be submitted to the Ministry's main office.

Ration News

TEL AVIV and TEL AVIV DISTRICT — Tomatoes: 250 grams, Taf 249; distribution continues in zones 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8. Carrots: 150 grams, Tav 248; distribution continues in zones 5 and 6. Chicken: zone 1, 500 grams for sick persons, and 250 grams for old persons against chicken coupon 4. The rations must be collected by Monday. Milk: Sick persons needing special milk rations are to apply to the Health Committee at the Economic and Statistical Department of the Municipality. No application need be made to the Milk Section of the Food Controller's Office. Milk rations for "Korat Gag" children are to be arranged at the Food Controller's Office, Milk Section, 3 Jaffa-Tel Aviv Road.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT — Eggs: children 7, adults 4, Lamed 27; temporary cards, Lamed 23. Chicken: For sick persons. Fish: 150 grams, Shin-Gimel 23; temporary cards, 37, excluding Petah Tikva and Herzlia. Potatoes: 3 kilograms, Shin-Aleph 26, temporary cards, 28. Bananas: Distribution will be completed this week of the old ration of 500 grams for Grade A cards, Shin-Aleph 27; temporary cards, 23. A new ration begins this week for holders of Grade A and B cards, Zayin 23; temporary cards, 41. Butter: For sick persons.

NORTHERN DISTRICT — Eggs: adults 4, children 7, Lamed 27; temporary cards, 4. Chicken: For sick persons. Fish: 150 grams domestic Carp, Shin-Gimel 24. Tomatoes: 250 grams, coupon 300; temporary cards, 32. Carrots: 500 grams for rations cards A and B, 172; temporary cards, vegetable coupon. Bananas: Distribution of last week's ration continues. Butter: for sick persons.

Personal Notice

THE FAMILY OF THE LATE

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wish to thank their friends for their expression of sympathy in their bereavement.

Joint Committee to Study Country's Paper Shortage

After discussing the newsprint supply situation for an hour yesterday, the Knesset delegated a joint committee — comprising representatives of the parliamentary Economic, Interior and Education Committees — to study the entire problem of paper supplies.

In the course of the discussion, the Minister of Trade and Industry, Mr. Ya'akov Geri, expressed doubts as to whether the country could afford the 17 dailies and 200 periodicals which were now being published.

Freedom of Speech

This statement touched off a spirited defence of freedom of speech by several members including Dr. Yohanan Bader (Herut) and Mr. Tewfik Toubi (Communist).

The discussion was opened by Dr. Herbert Foerder (Progressives), on whose motion, made a few months ago, the debate was opened today. He said that most of the complaints which had motivated his raising the issue had since been corrected by the former Minister of Supply, Dr. Dov Joseph.

He then proposed that further discussion should be held in committee on means of assuring an adequate supply of newsprint for the daily press. Other members, however, insisted upon a discussion in the plenary.

Maiden Hebrew Speech

The debate provided the opportunity for the first Knesset speech in Hebrew by the Arab Communist, Mr Tewfik Toubi. (Hitherto, he had spoken in Arabic and his speeches were translated). He complained about cuts in allocations to Arabic newspapers, particularly to "Al Ittihad," the organ of the Congress of Arab workers. Mr. Toubi was congratulated by the Speaker on his command of the language.

Some members complained that fiction of little value was being published while there was not enough paper for more worthwhile publications. Dr. Ben Zion Dinaburg (Mapai) complained that he could not get paper for an historical quarterly he was editing; Mr. Eliah Genichowsky (Orthodox) said there was a shortage of prayer books and religious publications; Mr. Moshe Ben Ami (Sephardim) said school books were in short supply, and Mr. Eri Jabotinsky (Herut) complained that the editor of a mathematics periodical had been unable to get paper.

There were complaints by Mr. N. Yalen-Mor (Fighters) and Mr. I. Ben Zvie (Mapai) about the number of foreign language publications, but Mr. Toubi argued that hundreds of thousands of new immigrants should not be deprived of the chance to read papers in the only languages they knew. Mr. Idov Cohen (Progressives) agreed, saying that as long as there was a babel of languages, they did not constitute a threat to Hebrew.

Hebrew's Future Safe

Mr. Zalman Aranne (Mapai) said that the future of Hebrew was safe, as long as there was free, compulsory education in Israel.

Mr. Ya'akov Klebanov (General Zionist) said advocates, and even physicians, did not have enough paper. He estimated that each Knesset member received material covering 5,000 sheets of paper a month, and he suggested that the Government collect it, and use the reverse sides.

In his reply to the debate, Mr. Geri said that \$1,500,000 had been spent for paper in 1950. The same quantity would cost almost twice as much in 1951. He agreed in principle that supplies should be increased, but pointedly asked where the supplies would come from, and how they would be paid for.

Statistics, Economics Offices Merged

The Department for Economic Research and the Central Bureau of Statistics, both of the Prime Minister's Office, have been amalgamated to form the Central Office of Statistics and Economic Research.

Professor R. Bachi, of the Bureau, will direct the new body, while Dr. L. Gruenbaum, of the Department, will direct its economic research.

Anti-T.B. League Strike Postponed

HAIFA, Wednesday. — The strike of Anti-Tuberculosis League employees, which was to have begun today was averted at the last moment, when they agreed to a Government Labour Relations Department request for a six-day respite. During that time, an agreed settlement is to be sought.

Citrus Crisis May Ease Soon

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — Unofficial discussions to solve the citrus crisis were continued here and in Jerusalem today, but no headway was reported.

The Prime Minister's reply, expected today, has been promised for tomorrow.

The Citrus Control Board will meet on Friday, and it is hoped that by then the situation will have been clarified.

Optimistic Reports

All quantities of Jaffa oranges on London and Hull markets sold for prices two shillings higher than previous quotations, it was learned today.

A few shipments of oranges are being sent in spite of the stoppage in the picking. The Brickholm, took 30,000 cases to Denmark yesterday, while loading of the Shoham ship, Etrog, with some 45,000 cases for England is expected to be completed tomorrow.

A Polish ship, the Levant, will load citrus in Haifa shortly.

(See Citrus Prices, — P. 2)

Knesset to Discuss Citrus Emergency

When the Knesset reconvenes on Monday, proposals will be discussed to bring about the resumption of the citrus harvest.

On behalf of the Economic Committee, Mr. Moshe Erem (Mapam) asked the House to delegate powers to the Committee for urgent action in the matter. His proposal was that growers should resume fruit picking and settle their dispute with the Government later.

The House accepted the suggestion made by Mr. Meir Grabowsky (Mapai) that the Committee could discuss measures, and suggest them to the Government, but that it would be a dangerous precedent for the House to delegate its authority.

Driver Jailed Six Months For Death of Passenger

HAIFA, Wednesday.— Found guilty of causing the death of a bus passenger in a traffic accident, Joseph Zlotomov, 50, an Egged driver from Tel Aviv, received a six-month prison sentence in the Haifa District Court today.

Zlotomov ran his bus into a fuel tender coming from the opposite direction while trying to pass a vehicle in front of him on the Tel Aviv-Haifa Highway in March, 1949. The collision threw the bus into a ditch, causing fatal injuries to Joseph Rosenzweig, a passenger.

"Road accidents have become an affliction for the country, and it the duty of the Court to restrain the drivers by imposing proportionate penalties," said Judge N. Landau, in his verdict.

Mt Scopus Convoy Checked Twice

The trucks transporting the personal effects and supplies for the police guards on Mt. Scopus yesterday were again checked in the no-man's land at Mandelbaum Gate, instead of in the compound of the Hadassah Hospital on Mt. Scopus.

This procedure, which is temporary pending final agreement between Israel and Jordan authorities, caused a delay in the convoy's departure, and necessitated the off-loading of the trucks twice, as the Arab Legion officer insisted on checking every parcel minutely.

ACTION ASKED AGAINST DAILY FOR ARTICLES

The Attorney-General asked the Supreme Court in Jerusalem yesterday to order the afternoon newspaper "Hador" to answer complaints against two articles which it printed recently on Yusef Abu Ghosh, who is facing a preliminary inquiry for attempted murder.

Defence counsel for Abu Ghosh had held that the articles might prejudice the case.

FIVE JEWS REPORTED HELD ON BORDER

Five French Jews, who reportedly tried to enter the Lebanon from Israel on Tuesday, were arrested by Lebanese frontier patrols, according to an A.N.A. report from Beirut.

RONNIE HOLMES GETS DIVORCE FROM COURT

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — While three prison guards stood by, David Holmes, who is serving a four-year sentence for assault and robbery, and his wife Ronnie, who was put on probation for the same offence, were divorced in the Rabbinical Court here today.

He was returned to prison immediately afterwards. Rennie, a one-time singer, is to depart for her home in Paris soon. An exit visa was recommended by the District Court here last week.

Women's Rights

A 12-year-old girl has written to the Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Pinhas Lubianiker, complaining that whereas boys receive special celebration rations for their *Bar Mitzvot*, girls received no such consideration.

Mr. Lubianiker replied immediately that all girls who celebrate *Bat Mitzvot* (at 12) will also receive special rations if they apply to the Ministry.

More Forged IL.10 Notes

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — An increase in the number of forged IL.10 notes has been observed here recently. One bank has reported having handled ten of the bills last week.

The forgeries, which police disclosed last month as originating in a "neighbouring country," are generally easy to discern by the following imperfections: their red colour is dull, the serial numbers are printed with black ink instead of blue, the engraved lines are blurred and less fine than on the genuine bills, the lettering in Hebrew and English is both blurred and blotted, and the general texture of the paper is inferior.

It has been reliably learned that the bills were originally intended for distribution in Jordan. Authorities here are understood to have spotted the forgeries as coming from the hand of a person well-known during the Mandatory period for similar activities.

The bills, it is believed, are sold at a reduced rate in Jordan to currency dealers and others who transfer them to Israel.

Appeal Against Safad Election Lodged

An appeal against the Safad election results has been lodged with the Haifa District Court by the Histadrut, which asserts that because of the allegedly unjustified invalidation of 10 votes, the new municipality did not properly represent the electorate.

The claim asks for either the acceptance of the disputed ballots or the cancellation of the entire elections.

There were two Sephardi lists in Safad — the "Ayin-Samah" (Sephardi Community) which combined with the Histadrut List for the balance of votes, and the "Samach" (Sephardi List).

At noon on election day, it was discovered that some of the ballots of "Ayin-Samah" did not, as prescribed by law, bear the full name of the party, and these were removed.

Because of these 10 disputed votes, the 11th seat on the Municipal Council went to Mapam instead of the Histadrut-Sephardi Community combination.

No date for the hearing has yet been set. The Histadrut will be represented by Dr. J. Lewinthal, its legal expert.

Pegler Slams Jewish Defence Movements

NEW YORK Wednesday (INA) —Vitriolic attacks on the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and the non-sectarian Anti-Nazi League, are contained in a series of articles by Westbrook Pegler, published in numerous American newspapers.

Demanding Congressional investigation into the Anti-Defamation League, Pegler says: "It is time to stop this spying on citizens by self-appointed Vigilantes outfits and this keeping of dossiers susceptible of abuse for blackmail and boycott."

The Anti-Nazi League he describes as a "smear bund which stimulates friction between Christians and Jews." Pegler also writes of the "Frankfurter-Laski-Niles combination which planted Felix Frankfurter in the Supreme Court, Alger Hiss in the State Department and David Niles in the White House."

Three infiltrators were caught east of Tel Aviv yesterday... A Ramle woman was detained for allegedly trying to smuggle money out of the country.

INCOME TAX PAMPHLETS

"Income Tax" — a pamphlet containing practical instructions for the tax payer, has been issued by the Information Services. All details concerning the Tax, the income from which it is collected, personal and other deductions and the method of calculating them, ways of paying the Tax and how it is assessed and the penalties to which those who circumvent payment are liable, is set out lucidly and in brief.

The pamphlet will be on sale at the Income Tax offices and at newsstands at 20 prutá.

Chinese Puzzle Overhangs Inter-Dominion Conference

By O. M. Green

Since Mr. Attlee sent out his invitations six weeks ago for the Conference of Commonwealth Prime Ministers, which opens in London today, the importance of the meeting has grown immeasurably, through the Chinese invasion of, and defeat of the U.N. forces in, North Korea, China's uncompromising attitude at Lake Success and the uncertainty as to how much farther she intends to go.

So marked is the deterioration of the world situation that a Commonwealth Conference would have been needed even if it had not been already called.

One point, however, must be emphasized. The aim of the Conference is to study how peace can be preserved, not to prepare for war. Defence is bound to be discussed, and Mr. Shinwell, the Minister of Defence, will attend the conference. But the fact that no Commonwealth Minister is to be accompanied by his Minister of Defence is answer enough to Communist suggestions that the aim of the conference is to hatch some huge scheme of Commonwealth armament.

The Prime Ministers representing the Dominions will be L.S. St. Laurent, Canada; R.G. Menzies, Australia; S.G. Holland, New Zealand; Jawaharlal Nehru, India; D.S. Senanayake, Ceylon; Sir Godfrey Huggins, Southern Rhodesia; and T.E. Donges, Minister of the Interior of South Africa, since Dr. Malan's state of health prevents him from coming.

With Mr. Attlee, who will preside, will be Mr. Patrick Gordon-Walker, Minister of Commonwealth Relations, and Mr. Ernest Bevin, Foreign Secretary, and Mr. Shinwell when required.

Vague Agenda

An immense amount of correspondence on the subject of the conference has already passed between London and the Dominion governments. But no exact agenda is likely to be framed until the conference opens.

The first big item will be a review by Mr. Attlee, as London sees it, of the world situation, covering the Atlantic Treaty, West Europe, the Middle East, the Far East, Korea and — the big question mark — China. After this, the Commonwealth Ministers are expected to give their views as influenced by their respective interests, commitments with other States and economic positions.

KARACHI, Wednesday (UP). Liaquat Ali Khan will not leave tonight for the London Conference, a government spokesman said here this evening.

In this connection there can be no more ardent hope for the conference than that somehow it may conduce to a settlement in Kashmir.

Kashmir Quarrel

That the Security Council has postponed further discussion of Kashmir until the end of January has deeply incensed the Pakistanis. But in London, where it is only too justly feared that further discussion at Lake Success would merely mean more bitterness and the same old deadlock once more, the delay is more welcome than not.

There is no question but that the British government is deeply distressed by the prolonged quarrel in Kashmir, but formal discussion in the Conference there cannot be. To admit one subject of dispute between sister Dominions would open the way for others with perhaps no end but a general wrangle. But in these conferences the most valuable work is usually done in informal talks among Ministers outside the council chamber. That is how Kashmir will be handled.

India's 2nd Thoughts

Hitherto the obstacle to a plebiscite has been India's insistence that all Kashmir must be put virtually under her military control. But the rudeness with which China rejected Shri Nehru's admirable proposals for a negotiated settlement in Tibet, the Chinese invasion of Tibet, and the uncertain state of affairs in Nepal, have certainly made India keenly alive to her own defence and may, it is hoped, have led her to reconsider her position in Kashmir.

The Conference will probably last ten days. It is not expected to produce any cut-and-dried plan. Rather the hope is that it will enable each member to take back to his government a clear understanding of the capabilities and the commitments of every sister State. On such a foundation of mutual understanding joint action should be arrived at quickly and harmoniously if and when needed.

Truman Sets Up New Production Agency

WASHINGTON, Wednesday (AP). — President Truman today set up a new "Defence Production Administration" tying together the government's scattered emergency production agencies.

The powerful new D.P.A. will be headed by Mr. William Harrison, now chief of the National Production Authority.

Mr. Truman made the move in an executive order under which Mr. Harrison will have authority over industrial production, transportation, fuel, minerals, and electric power.

Some of these powers are now scattered through the various government departments. Mr. Harrison will report to and be subject to the direction and control of Mr. Charles Wilson, Director of Defence Mobilization. Mr. Wilson recommended the formation of D.P.A., and suggested Mr. Harrison as chief.

Albania Says Italy Guilty of Sabotage

LONDON, Wednesday (AP). Albania accused Italy of parachuting spies and saboteurs into the country to overthrow its Communist regime.

The charge, one of a series in growing attacks against Italy, was contained in a statement by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and reported in London by Tass, the Russian news agency.

The statement based its accusations on the arrest of an alleged spy and sabotage group headed by an Albanian, Alush Leshansku.

The statement said: "According to data and documents in the possession of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, it has been established that the spies and saboteurs received special training lasting several months in Italy, under the direction of instructors from the Italian Home Ministry.

"The members of this group, supplied with arms and means of communications, were dropped by parachute on Albanian territory to carry out espionage, sabotage and propaganda against the people's power."

AIR RAID SIRENS IN SAN FRANCISCO

SAN FRANCISCO, Wednesday (Reuter). — Mayor Clemence Robinson today declared a state of emergency to permit the speedy installation of air raid sirens.

He acted constitutionally under authority which permits the mayor to act when the lives, property and welfare of people are threatened. He said he belived the possibility of atomic bombing sufficiently serious to justify this action.

IBN SAUD DOUBLES TAXES ON OIL

Ibn Saud has increased from 25 to 50 per cent as from January 1, the tax on the gross income of all oil companies, refineries and other chemical firms operating in Saudi Arabia, according to an ANA report from Jedda.

Saudi Arabia will receive \$44m. this year from the (American) Saudi Arabian Oil Company, according to an agreement signed in Jedda this week.

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Cables in Brief

FIVE former Nazis charged with destroying the synagogue at Jever and with looting Jewish homes were sentenced by a local court to terms of imprisonment ranging from 18 months to three years.

AMMAN'S mayor will henceforth be termed governor of the city and be responsible to the Prime Minister's office, according to a royal decree.

GERMAN experts have arrived in Egypt to supervise the erection of arms factories which will go into production in a few months.

HUNGARY has again rationed sugar, flour and starch products. She was the first country in post-war Europe to lift rationing, but "heavy exports to buy industrial machinery, drought, storing for an eventual national emergency" made rationing necessary again.

RESIGNATION — Mr. J.G. Crowther, writer and lecturer on scientific subjects, has resigned from the presidency of the British Peace Committee amid rumours that there is a rift in the organization.

P.O.W.'S — Russia again refused to take part in discussion of the treatment of convicted Japanese prisoners of war in Russia, when the Allied Council met in Tokyo yesterday.

World Government Only Way to Ensure Peace, Nehru

GENEVA, Wednesday (AP). — Shri Jawaharlal Nehru said here today that final world peace can only be achieved through world government.

A group of leading delegates to the People's World Convention now meeting here went to Geneva airport to greet the Indian Prime Minister who was on his way to London for the Commonwealth Premiers' Conference.

"If we work hard enough," Shri Nehru told the delegates at the airport, "we can achieve world peace. But I have long believed that the only way it can finally be achieved is through world government."

The convention is sponsored by private groups advocating world government. Several hundred delegates from 25 nations with a sprinkling of "world citizens" are taking part in the meeting at their own expense to draw an outline for a future world government. The only legally elected delegates at the meeting are State Senator Fyke Farmer and ex-State Senator W.A. Harwell, both from Tennessee.

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GERMAN PAYMENTS

It may have to be our bitter part to look on while the Western Allies with tragic precipitation re-admit Germany into that company of decent-living peoples from which, it seems only the other day, they proclaimed her perpetual banishment. We may condemn as unreasoning the fears which prompt them to grant her dispensation so cheaply from the verdicts of Nuremberg, and for the sake of doubtful re-inforcement on the eastern bastions of Europe to barter away the indemnity of a sincere change of heart and full, willing restitution to the despoiled.

The State of Israel is bound to shun intercourse with German Governments which are not ashamed to resurrect the blustering and ape the racial antics of the Third Reich; and few will be found in the Yishuv to plead that the ban of excommunication which we have laid upon the money or the merchandise of an unforgiven Germany should be hastily rescinded.

There are national accounts, and Israel will settle them on its own terms, in its own time. It does not, however, necessarily follow that private accounts should be abandoned meanwhile. Dr. Kempner, who was Deputy Chief Prosecutor for the United States at the Nuremberg trials, has been visiting Israel, and it is to be supposed that the Ministries concerned will not neglect the opportunity to seek his expert advice whether and how restitution could be arranged in individual cases in a form that is not likely to inflame local feeling. Perhaps the way might be a transfer of goods specifically classified and marked as having been supplied in payment of restitution, under careful control, and with no implication of a general trade agreement or the remotest suggestion of diplomatic relations. This would in effect somewhat resemble the ha'avara system which, understandably, was looked upon with indignant disfavour at the outset but vindicated itself as a justifiable means, in all the circumstances, to an all-important economic end. Apart from the boon conferred on Israel citizens entitled to restitution, the choice of goods admitted under this scheme might also be restricted to dollar-savers, or a definite proportion of dollar-savers.

If the Government decides to experiment with action along these lines, it ought not to tarry. There are signs that in those powerful circles of German finance and industry which are interested in holding on to stolen property the determination is hardening to sabotage the work of restitution by malignant propaganda aimed at establishing that the pirated Jewish estates were worthless or bankrupt. Even more malignant, indeed, but possibly not surprising, would be the readiness of German courts to accept such dishonest testimony.

YUGOSLAVIA FEELS BETRAYED BY CHINA

By A. V. Sherman

BELGRADE — A FAR stronger attitude towards the Chinese Government is now emerging here in Press and Government statements. Articles denouncing China as the aggressor and warning the United Nations against appeasement represent the official reaction to recent Chinese successes — and mark the relinquishment of one more "Titoite" hope.

Until recently Yugoslav policy was motivated partly by a desire not to burn any boats before the expected Stalin-Mao split occurred. While a spate of articles demonstrated parallels in Soviet treatment of Yugoslavia and China, the Yugoslav Government withheld from certain steps towards closer friendship with the West mainly from fear of Chinese reactions, since it had already burned its boats as far as European Communism was concerned.

Soviet "Catspaw"

Now, however, articles in "Foreign Affairs" and "Borba" have castigated the Chinese Government, not only for playing Russia's game, but also for "pursuing a great power policy" on its own account. A recent signed article in "Borba" by the Assistant Editor blamed the Chinese Government, as a complete Soviet catspaw, for pushing China close to a third world war.

Yugoslav diplomacy has been faced with a dilemma; on the one hand it feared an extended struggle in the Far East would strengthen Stalin's hand in Europe. On the other hand it was reasoned that appeasement of aggression in Korea, or a redivision of Korea into spheres of influence, with China as a new claimant, would so weaken the moral authority of the United Nations that Stalin would be encouraged to risk a sally into the Balkans.

Public Well Informed

The Yugoslav people are kept well informed of developments, with Korea and U.N. news being given the front page of the newspapers (a rare occurrence before the Chinese intervention) and first mention in the news bulletins. They are being left in no doubt that the United Nations forces have the full sympathy and diplomatic support of the Yugoslav Government, which has chosen sides.

Though considerable sympathy for China has persisted here among Communists, it appears to have been strongly linked with the hope that Mao would follow in Tito's footsteps. It is now giving place to a feeling, more of sorrow yet than of anger, that the Chinese have let Yugoslavia down, and betrayed her friendship, by tying up with Stalin. Far stronger than ideological sympathy for most Communists here is the realization that Chinese successes at the moment mean a strengthening of the Cominform position against Yugoslavia, and people here are above all defence-minded.

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GREETINGS FROM CHILE



An illuminated parchment manuscript, bearing greetings from the President of Chile to the Hebrew University, was presented on Monday night to Prof. M. Schwabe, Rector of the University (right), by Dr. Israel Drapkin, Professor of Social Pathology at the University of Chile (centre), at a reception for him at the Touring Club in Talbieh, Jerusalem. The reception followed Dr. Drapkin's guest lecture at the University on "Modern Trends in Criminology." Dr. Drapkin also presented 65 books to the Jewish National and University Library in the name of private persons in Chile. Holding the manuscript is Professor Perrey, Lecturer in Roman Languages at the Hebrew University.

Photo by Schlesinger

They Believed in Peace

By Theodor F. Meysels

THIS is a story the Austrian Statesman told some years ago when we discussed the political defeat of his South African friend and contemporary.—"Jan Smuts," said Dr. Renner," is another survivor of my breed of nineteenth century democrats, who still believes that peace can terminate a war once and for all, that even surrender can herald a better future for the victor and the vanquished. The story begins the night after the Austrians had signed the end of the Austrian Empire in St. Germain . . ." Dr. Renner wanted it to be "off the record" in Smuts' lifetime. Now it can be told. The Austrian Peace Delegation was billeted, or rather interned, at St. Germain in a big, shabby, poorly lit hotel, fenced in and heavily guarded. For Dr. Renner, the leader of the delegation, this night when his signature dried under the final protocol, was a night of sorrow, a night of heartrending examination of his conscience, interrupted only by a visitor ushered into the room in the early hours of the morning. — The visitor was Jan Smuts, to whom Dr. Renner had never spoken a word in private before.



Dr. Karl Renner



Jan Smuts

Said Smuts, "I could not sleep, after what I saw today. I had to come over and tell you, that less than twenty years ago, so short a time in the history of states and even of men, I saw my own country sign away its very existence in forced surrender. Well, without the Transvaal's surrender there would have never been a Union of South Africa. . . Only one party can win a war, but both if they are of good will and God willing can win a peace. That's what I, a Boer, wanted to tell you Austrians," finished Smuts, and he tramped back on foot.

Smuts' words, Dr. Renner said, had encouraged him to undertake the reconstruction of Austria, as the country's first chancellor after 1919. When he undertook the same task again as Austria's President in 1945, the old Field-marshal's cable of congratulation was one of the first the Federal President received — Both died in the last year of the first half of the century, great, courageous, optimistic octogenarians, bred in an era when men still believed that swords could really be forged into ploughshares.

NEW PLANS FOR LYDDA AIRPORT

By Victor Perlstein

THE Civil Aviation section of the Ministry of Communications is to move from Hakirya to Lydda airport this week. This transfer is the initial stage in far-reaching plans for the improvement of the airport and its facilities.

The move, ordered by the previous Minister and approved by Dr. Dov Joseph, the new Minister of Communications, is in line with a scheme to pave the way for radical changes in passenger handling and in the enlarging and increasing of facilities. It is also designed to satisfy the need for closer contact between the Ministry and the Carriers.

New equipment for the airport has already been ordered, and although no figures as to the amount have been released, it is known to consist of modern fire-fighting equipment, various communications facilities, and office and terminal building equipment. Among the latter will be included a coin machine which dispenses and records flight insurance policies. Most of this equipment is sorely needed, particularly the fire truck. At present the airfield possesses a jeep and trailer loaded with extinguishers.

Crowded Customs

Lydda airport and its terminal building were never designed to accommodate the present amount of traffic or the larger aircraft now in flight. The runways, however, are adequate. Any expansion in other sectors is considered a long-term prospect. The best alternative now appears to be more efficient handling of existing facilities.

The arrival of as many as eight or more aircraft within a period of several hours has caused bottlenecks and inconvenience. Different groups of passengers invariably clash at the common customs room or at some other check point. Recently, proposals to remedy the situation were received from an internationally recognized expert, Mr. U. Dellaert, director of Schiphol airport in Amsterdam, who was invited here by the Government several months ago to study the problem. Mr. Dellaert's report is being studied at the moment, and certain recommendations have already been agreed on in principle. These are:

1. The separation of the incoming and outgoing passengers by expansion of present space. Two complete passenger handling units, or numerous independent ones will be set up. The latter system will comprise independent reception desks, divided according to function, each handling both arrivals and departures.

2. Better utilization of present space, by separating reception facilities from those of administration and making use of the different company reception desks and offices, which now stand idle for a large part of the time.

3. Removal of the hotel from the second floor of the terminal building to a structure yet to be erected.

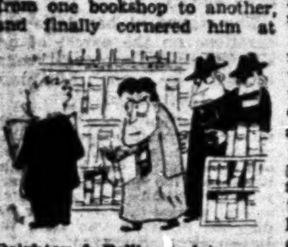
Swiss Experts Here

Three experts from Switzerland have, in recent weeks, studied other air traffic problems here at the invitation of the government. Their reports will follow. In the meantime, the only contemplated change on the airfield itself is the enlargement of the tarmac or parking area in front of the terminal building. The runways and hangars are to remain unaltered for the time being.

The emergence in the Middle East of a new international airport at Beirut, with the most modern facilities will, it is hoped, supply the added incentive for making the long awaited changes at Lydda. Israel has all the natural advantages over Beirut (and Cairo as well); weather, surroundings and geographic location. Lebanon's airport, nevertheless, has already attracted several of the largest international airlines — Pan American, Air France and the Italian LAI. As long as Israel maintains its air terminal at international standards, the natural advantages should suffice to attract traffic.

KEEPING POSTED

WE have before us a letter from a member of the Cambridge University Jewish Society, which details the *affaire sinistre* of an undergraduate named Willie, leading member of the Society, and Mr. Ben Gurion. The "Jewish Chronicle" had warned the club of Mr. Ben Gurion's arrival, and Willie put his bloodhounds on the trail. They tracked him from one bookshop to another, and finally cornered him at



Deighton & Bell's, studying ancient Greek texts, while the bodyguard was in the next room looking for interesting bits in Havelock Ellis. Willie quickly began to look for Greek texts too, intending to find himself suddenly, and quite by chance, jostling elbows with the Prime Minister. "But at this point," continues the letter, "the bodyguards, seeing Willie with his forehead creased in its perpetual frown of martyred persecution, his hands sunk in his coat pockets apparently gripping a Luger in each fist, sidling among the works of Xenophon with unconvincing nonchalance, thought it time to step in." While Mr. Ben Gurion was up a ladder examining books on a top shelf Willie quickly welcomed him to Cambridge, all in Hebrew, and asked hopefully for a statement, but found himself turned out. "He later discovered that Mr. Ben Gurion had bought himself the works of Josephus, and there the affair ended except for the passing on to posterity of Willie's ghost in a "Jewish Chronicle" report '. . . in Cambridge he was recognised by a student, but declined an interview.'"

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ONE night last week a car on its way to Haifa was hailed by a girl in army uniform from the opposite side of the road. The driver stopped and asked her where she wanted to go. "Oh well," she said, "I have two uncles, one in Haifa and one in Tel Aviv. I thought I'd just wait and see which way I got a lift first."

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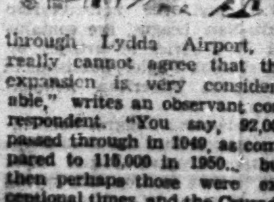
"A-DIFFA," the Old City Arabic daily, recently introduced a new column called "Facts on the Jews," written by a special correspondent for Jewish Affairs. One of the early issues took the Arab leaders to task for the shortsighted policy that had ended with the establishment of Israel, as a result of which the Arab states now had to spend millions of pounds on defence that might otherwise have been used for more constructive purposes. "We will now have to begin to tell the truth about the Jews, and not inventions. They make every effort to acquaint themselves with even the smallest development in Arab countries. "A-Diffa" will try to create a true picture of the Jews as far as possible; though in military matters the Jews are very secretive." This column wishes its contemporary in the Old City all success in what is a first step toward better understanding, but would like to point out at the same time that there was one piece of information that "A-Diffa" kept from its readers right away. It appears that when Azmi eff. Nashashibi, who represents Jordan on the M.A.C. saw the picture in *The Post* recently which showed him at a meeting with General Riley and Sgan Aloof Ramati, he thought it would look equally well in the Arabic press, where his friends could see it. A message offering to buy the block was transmitted to this paper by a member of the M.A.C., and the block was promptly despatched by the same route, and has since appeared. It was, of course, sent as free loan, as anything else would have involved "Trading with the Enemy."

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A MAN we know claims that an old Red Indian trick succeeds when applied to Hakirya. It seems he sent a letter to a certain ministry, with 32 enclosures. After waiting what seemed to him a reasonable period, he called on the official concerned, and was told that unfortunately the letter appeared to have been mislaid. "But you can't mislay a letter with 32 enclosures," he contended. But they had. He then told the official: "The American Indian, when he lost an arrow, shot another into the air and followed its flight carefully, the theory being that the second would fall near the first. I shall do the same. I shall today send you a copy of my letter, and copies of all 32 enclosures." The next morning the official was on the line with the good news. "We now have your 64 enclosures," he said.

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"READING your paper of December 24 on the increase of passenger traffic



through Lydda Airport, I really cannot agree that the expansion is very considerable," writes an observant correspondent. "You say, 92,000 passed through in 1949, as compared to 118,000 in 1950.. but then perhaps those were exceptional times, and the Crusaders had begun to arrive already."

Today's contributors are: F. Reinhardt, Tel Aviv, A. Stricker, Haifa, and H. Hanis of Jerusalem.

Readers' Letters

BUS PARCELS

To the Editor of The POST

Sir,—About three weeks ago, I sent a small parcel by Egged to Ramle, c/o of the Police Station. I paid 140 pruta, and the address was duly registered.

When the parcel did not arrive, I questioned the Egged official in Jerusalem and was told that Egged did not deliver and that addressees must collect parcels from Egged offices. Asked how the addressee could know about it, the official suggested that I write him a letter. Asked why they were not delivering, he said with a shrug, "We haven't got any staff to do that work."

What, may one ask, is the high cost of parcel transport for? The passenger bus fare from Jerusalem to Ramle is only about double.

Yours etc.,
L. LASKER

Egged Reply

To the Editor of The POST

Sir,—The clerk's reply that parcels are not delivered in Ramle is incorrect; parcels in Ramle are delivered to the house.

In the case in question the employees at our Ramle station delivered the parcel, after 2 or 3 days, but not to the hands of the addressee but to somebody else at the Police Station.

The parcel was probably lying at the Police Station for a long time before it was handed over to the addressee. Generally, we would like to point out that our fees for parcels are low taking into consideration the high expenses.

Yours etc.,
EGGED
Jerusalem Branch

A CLEAN CAPITAL

To the Editor of The POST

Sir,—Jerusalem, by reason of its topography and historical associations, could be the most attractive city in the world. It is, however, made hideous by an amazing accumulation of junk and rubbish. It is no exaggeration to say that there are relatively few streets, courtyards and buildings without some waste matter. Jerusalem's balconies appear to be the depositories of hideous pieces of broken "furniture," sooty saucepans, slimy washtubs and filthy rags. The pavements are full of large and small dug-outs and pitfalls and many a hole in the walls that need repairing, is stuffed up with an ancient relic of a feather cushion.

The only bright spots in the streets are the orange peels, scattered about promiscuously, and it is a great pity that the colour is rendered monotonous because of the absence of bananas in the country.

Yours, etc.,
JACOB SARNA
Jerusalem, December 24.

Points from Letters

WASTING WATER

The tenants of No. 5 Raphael St., Jerusalem, are ear witnesses every few nights to water gushing from pipes connected to the houses on the opposite side of the street. Either the tanks leak or the valves do not function. Our house, on the other hand, ran short of water for two days. This has been going on for some time and we feel that the water department can ill afford so much waste.

Tenants of 5 Raphael St.
Jerusalem.

MONEY TOKENS

Both the Hamkasher Bus Co. and the Workers' Restaurant of the Histadrut in Jerusalem issue small change tokens of their own. There seems to be no tie-up between the two. I recently observed a traveller on the bus produce a five-prutot slip from the Workers' Restaurant to make up for the lack of small change. The driver refused to accept it as payment and remarked, "that isn't money, you'd better go and get a meal for it."

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IT may have to be our bitter part to look on while the Western Allies with tragic precipitation re-admit Germany into that company of decent-living peoples from which, it seems only the other day, they proclaimed her perpetual banishment. We may condemn as unreasoning the fears which prompt them to grant her dispensation so cheaply from the verdicts of Nuremberg, and for the sake of doubtful re-inforcement on the eastern bastions of Europe to barter away the indemnity of a sincere change of heart and full, willing restitution to the despoiled.

GERMAN PAYMENTS

The State of Israel is bound to shun intercourse with German Governments which are not ashamed to resurrect the blustering and ape the racial antics of the Third Reich; and few will be found in the Yishuv to plead that the ban of excommunication which we have laid upon the money or the merchandise of an unforgiven Germany should be hastily rescinded.

There are national accounts and Israel will settle them on its own terms, in its own time. It does not, however, necessarily follow that private accounts should be liquidated meanwhile. Dr. Kempner, who was Deputy Chief Prosecutor for the United States at the Nuremberg trials, has been visiting Israel, and it is to be supposed that the Ministries concerned will not neglect the opportunity to seek his expert advice whether and how restitution could be arranged in individual cases in a form that is not likely to inflame local feeling. Perhaps the way might be a transfer of goods specifically classified and valued as having been supplied in payment of restitution, under careful control, and with no implication of a general trade agreement and the least suggestion of diplomatic relations. This would in effect somewhat resemble the Ha'avara system which, understandably, was looked upon with dormant disfavour at the outset but vindicated itself as a justifiable means, in all the circumstances, to an all-important economic end. Apart from the boon conferred on Israel citizens entitled to restitution, the choice of goods admitted under this scheme might also be restricted to dollar-savers, or a definite proportion of dollar-savers.

If the Government decides to experiment with action along these lines, it ought not to tarry. There are signs that in those powerful circles of German finance and industry which are interested in holding on to stolen property the determination is hardening to sabotage the work of restitution by malignant propaganda aimed at establishing that the pirated Jewish estates were worthless or bankrupt. Even more malignant, indeed, but possibly not surprising, would be the readiness of German courts to accept such dishonest testimony.

YUGOSLAVIA FEELS BETRAYED BY CHINA

By A. V. Sherman

BELGRADE — A far stronger attitude towards the Chinese Government is now emerging here in Press and Government statements. Articles denouncing China as the aggressor and warning the United Nations against appeasement represent the official reaction to recent Chinese successes — and mark the relinquishment of one more "Titoite" hope.

Until recently Yugoslav policy was motivated partly by a desire not to burn any boats before the expected Stalin-Mao split occurred. While a spate of articles demonstrated parallels in Soviet treatment of Yugoslavia and China, the Yugoslav Government withheld from certain steps towards closer friendship with the West mainly from fear of Chinese reactions, since it had already burned its boats as far as European Communism was concerned.

Soviet "Catspaw"

Now, however, articles in "Foreign Affairs" and "Borba" have castigated the Chinese Government, not only for playing Russia's game, but also for "pursuing a great power policy" on its own account. A recent signed article in "Borba" by the Assistant Editor blamed the Chinese Government, as a complete Soviet catspaw, for pushing China close to a third world war.

Yugoslav diplomacy has been faced with a dilemma; on the one hand it feared an extended struggle in the Far East would strengthen Stalin's hand in Europe. On the other hand it was reasoned that appeasement of aggression in Korea, or a re-division of Korea into spheres of influence, with China as a new claimant, would so weaken the moral authority of the United Nations that Stalin would be encouraged to risk a sally into the Balkans.

Public Well Informed

The Yugoslav people are kept well informed of developments, with Korea and U.N. news being given the front page of the newspapers (a rare occurrence before the Chinese intervention) and first mention in the news bulletins. They are being left in no doubt that the United Nations forces have the full sympathy and diplomatic support of the Yugoslav Government, which has chosen sides.

Though considerable sympathy for China has persisted here among Communists, it appears to have been strongly linked with the hope that Mao would follow in Tito's footsteps. It is now giving place to a feeling, more of sorrow yet than of anger, that the Chinese have let Yugoslavia down, and betrayed her friendship, by tying up with Stalin. Far stronger than ideological sympathy for most Communists here is the realization that Chinese successes at the moment mean a strengthening of the Cominform position against Yugoslavia, and people here are above all defence-minded.

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GREETINGS FROM CHILE



An illuminated parchment manuscript, bearing greetings from the President of Chile to the Hebrew University, was presented on Monday night to Prof. M. Schwabe, Rector of the University (right), by Dr. Israel Drapkin, Professor of Social Pathology at the University of Chile (centre), at a reception for him at the Touring Club in Talbieh, Jerusalem. The reception followed Dr. Drapkin's guest lecture at the University on "Modern Trends in Criminology." Dr. Drapkin also presented 65 books to the Jewish National and University Library in the name of private persons in Chile. Holding the manuscript is Professor Perrey, Lecturer in Roman Languages at the Hebrew University.

Photo by Schlesinger

They Believed in Peace

By Theodor F. Meysels

THIS is a story the Austrian Statesman told some years ago when we discussed the political defeat of his South African friend and contemporary.—"Jan Smuts," said Dr. Renner," is another survivor of my breed of nineteenth century democrats, who still believes that peace can terminate a war once and for all, that even surrender can herald a better future for the victor and the vanquished. The story begins the night after the Austrians had signed the end of the Austrian Empire in St. Germain...." Dr. Renner wanted it to be "off the record" in Smuts' lifetime. Now it can be told. The Austrian Peace Delegation was billeted, or rather interned, at St. Germain in a big, shabby, poorly lit hotel, fenced in and heavily guarded. For Dr. Renner, the leader of the delegation, this night when his signature dried under the final protocol, was a night of sorrow, a night of heartrending examination of his conscience, interrupted only by a visitor ushered into the room in the early hours of the morning. — The visitor was Jan Smuts, to whom Dr. Renner had never spoken a word in private before.



Dr. Karl Renner



Jan Smuts

Said Smuts, "I could not sleep, after what I saw today. I had to come over and tell you, that less than twenty years ago, so short a time in the history of states and even of men, I saw my own country sign away its very existence in forced surrender. Well, without the Transvaal's surrender there would have never been a Union of South Africa. ... Only one party can win a war, but both if they are of good will and God willing can win a peace. That's what I, a Boer, wanted to tell you Austrians," finished Smuts, and he tramped back on foot.

Smuts' words, Dr. Renner said, had encouraged him to undertake the reconstruction of Austria, as the country's first chancellor after 1919. When he undertook the same task again as Austria's President in 1945, the old Fieldmarshal's cable of congratulation was one of the first the Federal President received — Both died in the last year of the first half of the century, great, courageous, optimistic octogenarians, bred in an era when men still believed that swords could really be forged into ploughshares.

NEW PLANS FOR LYDDA AIRPORT

By Victor Perlstein

THE Civil Aviation section of the Ministry of Communications is to move from Hakirya to Lydda airport this week. This transfer is the initial stage in far-reaching plans for the improvement of the airport and its facilities.

The move, ordered by the previous Minister and approved by Dr. Dov Joseph, the new Minister of Communications, is in line with a scheme to pave the way for radical changes in passenger handling and in the enlarging and increasing of facilities. It is also designed to satisfy the need for closer contact between the Ministry and the Carriers.

New equipment for the airport has already been ordered, and although no figures as to the amount have been released, it is known to consist of modern fire-fighting equipment, various communications facilities, and office and terminal building equipment. Among the latter will be included a coin machine which dispenses and records flight insurance policies. Most of this equipment is sorely needed, particularly the fire truck. At present the airfield possesses a jeep and trailer loaded with extinguishers.

Crowded Customs

Lydda airport and its terminal building were never designed to accommodate the present amount of traffic or the larger aircraft now in flight. The runways, however, are adequate. Any expansion in other sectors is considered a long-term prospect. The best alternative now appears to be more efficient handling of existing facilities.

The arrival of as many as eight or more aircraft within a period of several hours has caused bottlenecks and inconvenience. Different groups of passengers invariably clash at the common customs room or at some other check point. Recently, proposals to remedy the situation were received from an internationally recognized expert, Mr. U. Dellaert, director of Schiphol airport in Amsterdam, who was invited here by the Government several months ago to study the problem. Mr. Dellaert's report is being studied at the moment, and certain recommendations have already been agreed on in principle. These are:

1. The separation of the incoming and outgoing passengers by expansion of present space. Two complete passenger handling units, or numerous independent ones will be set up. The latter system will comprise independent reception desks, divided according to function, each handling both arrivals and departures.

2. Better utilization of present space, by separating reception facilities from those of administration and making use of the different company reception desks and offices, which now stand idle for a large part of the time.

3. Removal of the hotel from the second floor of the terminal building to a structure yet to be erected.

Swiss Experts Here

Three experts from Switzerland have, in recent weeks, studied other air traffic problems here at the invitation of the government. Their reports will follow. In the meantime, the only contemplated change on the airfield itself is the enlargement of the tarmac or parking area in front of the terminal building. The runways and hangars are to remain unaltered for the time being.

The emergence in the Middle East of a new international airport at Beirut, with the most modern facilities will, it is hoped, supply the added incentive for making the long awaited changes at Lydda. Israel has all the natural advantages over Beirut (and Cairo as well); weather, surroundings and geographic location. Lebanon's airport, nevertheless, has already attracted several of the largest international airlines — Pan American, Air France and the Italian L.A.I. As long as Israel maintains its air terminal at international standards, the natural advantages should suffice to attract traffic.

Readers' Letters

BUS PARCELS

To the Editor of The POST

Sir,—About three weeks ago, I sent a small parcel by Egged to Ramle, c/o of the Police Station. I paid 140 pruta, and the address was duly registered.

When the parcel did not arrive, I questioned the Egged official in Jerusalem and was told that Egged did not deliver and that addressees must collect parcels from Egged offices. Asked how the addressee could know about it, the official suggested that I write him a letter. Asked why they were not delivering, he said with a shrug, "We haven't got any staff to do that work."

What, may one ask, is the high cost of parcel transport for? The passenger bus fare from Jerusalem to Ramle is only about double.

Yours etc.,
L. LASKER

Egged Reply

To the Editor of The POST

Sir,—The clerk's reply that parcels are not delivered in Ramle is incorrect; parcels in Ramle are delivered to the house.

In the case in question the employees at our Ramle station delivered the parcel, after 2 or 3 days, but not to the hands of the addressee but to somebody else at the Police Station.

The parcel was probably lying at the Police Station for a long time before it was handed over to the addressee. Generally, we would like to point out that our fees for parcels are low taking into consideration the high expenses.

Yours etc.,
EGGED
Jerusalem Branch

A CLEAN CAPITAL

To the Editor of The POST

Sir,—Jerusalem, by reason of its topography and historical associations, could be the most attractive city in the world. It is, however, made hideous by an amazing accumulation of junk and rubbish. It is no exaggeration to say that there are relatively few streets, courtyards and buildings without some waste matter. Jerusalem's balconies appear to be the depositories of hideous pieces of broken "furniture," sooty saucepans, slimy washtubs and filthy rags. The pavements are full of large and small dug-outs and pitfalls and many a hole in the walls that need repairing, is stuffed up with an ancient relic of a feather cushion.

The only bright spots in the streets are the orange peels, scattered about promiscuously, and it is a great pity that the colour is rendered monotonous because of the absence of bananas in the country.

Yours, etc.,
JACOB SARNA

Jerusalem, December 24.

Points from Letters

WASTING WATER

The tenants of No. 5 Raphael St., Jerusalem, are ear witnesses every few nights to water gushing from pipes connected to the houses on the opposite side of the street. Either the tanks leak or the valves do not function. Our house, on the other hand, ran short of water for two days. This has been going on for some time and we feel that the water department can ill afford so much waste.

Tenants of 5 Raphael St.
Jerusalem.

MONEY TOKENS

Both the Hamkasher Bus Co. and the Workers' Restaurant of the Histadrut in Jerusalem issue small change tokens of their own. There seems to be no tie-up between the two. I recently observed a traveller on the bus produce a five-prutot slip from the Workers' Restaurant to make up for the lack of small change. The driver refused to accept it as payment and remarked, "that isn't money, you'd better go and get a meal for it."

Jerusalem, *H. FRIEDER*

KEEPING POSTED

WE have before us a letter from a member of the Cambridge University Jewish Society, which details the *affaire sinistre* of an undergraduate named Willie, leading member of the Society, and Mr. Ben Gurion. The "Jewish Chronicle" had warned the club of Mr. Ben Gurion's arrival, and Willie put his bloodhounds on the trail. They tracked him from one bookshop to another, and finally cornered him at



Deighton & Bell's, studying ancient Greek texts, while the bodyguard was in the next room looking for interesting bits in Havelock Ellis. Willie quickly began to look for Greek texts too, intending to find himself suddenly, and quite by chance, jostling elbows with the Prime Minister. "But at this point," continues the letter, "the bodyguards, seeing Willie with his forehead creased in its perpetual frown of martyred persecution, his hands sunk in his coat pockets apparently gripping a Luger in each fist, sidling among the works of Xenophon with unconvincing nonchalance, thought it time to step in." While Mr. Ben Gurion was up a ladder examining books on a top shelf Willie quickly welcomed him to Cambridge, all in Hebrew, and asked hopefully for a statement. His friend himself turned out. He later discovered that Mr. Ben Gurion had bought himself the works of Josephus, and there the affair ended except for the passing on to posterity of Willie's ghost in a "Jewish Chronicle" report "...in Cambridge he was recognised by a student, but declined an interview."

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ONE night last week a car on its way to Haifa was halted by a girl in army uniform from the opposite side of the road. The driver stopped and asked her where she wanted to go. "Oh well," she said, "I have two uncles, one in Haifa and one in Tel Aviv. I thought I'd just wait and see which way I got a lift first."

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"A-DIFFA," the Old City Arabic daily, recently introduced a new column called "Facts on the Jews," written by a special correspondent for Jewish Affairs. One of the early issues took the Arab leaders to task for the shortsighted policy that had sided with the establishment of Israel, as a result of which the Arab states now had to spend millions of pounds on defence that might otherwise have been used for more constructive purposes. "We will now have to begin to tell the truth about the Jews, and not inventions. They make every effort to acquaint themselves with even the smallest development in Arab countries. "A-Diffa" will try to create a true picture of the Jews as far as possible; though in military matters the Jews are very secretive." This column wishes its contemporary in the Old City all success in what is a first step toward better understanding, but would like to point out at the same time that there was one piece of information that "A-Diffa" kept from its readers right away. It appears that when Azmi eff. Nashashibi, who represents Jordan on the M.A.C., saw the picture in *The Post* recently which showed him at a meeting with General Riley and Sgan Aloof Ramati, he thought it would look equally well in the Arabic press, where his friends could see it. A message offering to buy the block was transmitted to this paper by a member of the M.A.C., and the block was promptly despatched by the same route, and has since appeared. It was, of course, sent as free loan, as anything else would have involved "Trading with the Enemy."

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A MAN we know claims that an old Red Indian trick succeeds when applied to Hakirya. It seems he sent a letter to a certain ministry, with 32 enclosures. After waiting what seemed to him a reasonable period, he called on the official concerned, and was told that unfortunately the letter appeared to have been mislaid. "But you can't mislay a letter with 32 enclosures," he contended. But they had. He then told the official: "The American Indian, when he lost an arrow, shot another into the air and followed its flight carefully, the theory being that the second would fall near the first. I shall do the same. I shall today send you a copy of my letter, and copies of all 32 enclosures." The next morning the official was on the line with the good news. "We now have your 64 enclosures," he said.

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READING your paper of December 24 on the increase of passenger traffic



through Lydda Airport, I really cannot agree that the expansion is very considerable," writes an observant correspondent. "You say, 92,000 passed through in 1949, as compared to 118,000 in 1950... but then perhaps those were exceptional times, and the Crusaders had begun to arrive already."

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